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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND MINUTES

DATE: March 25, 2009

**PLACE: Lincoln Administration Building
1624 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865**

TIME: 7:09 – Open Meeting

School Committee Members Present: Betty Robson, Chair; Richard Battistoni, Tracey Cavanaugh, Julie Zito

Absent: Kristine Donabedian, Vice Chair; Mary Varr, Clerk; Mary Anne Roll,

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller

I. Discussion Regarding Feasibility Study

Chairwoman Robson introduced Dave DeQuattro and Steven Hughes from RGB to present the findings of the study. Hughes explained their purpose was to analyze the north wing of the high school and determine if the program area of the administration would fit there, and if not, what size addition would be needed and at what cost. They looked at building codes, fire codes for the existing building if renovating or if an addition is built both codes would apply. They looked at ADA accessibility, energy efficiency systems, maintenance and program. The program for administration is 28,800 square feet. Hughes reviewed the actual site and the possibility of adding a multi-story building with parking, a new loading dock and technology. Business and special education would be on the second floor and administration would have its own entrance. The other scheme was a single level keeping on the same level with a substantial addition. He did recommend a geotechnical study. There would be a 6.9 million dollar construction cost or 8.7 million dollar project cost which would include a 10% contingency, overhead and profit, architect and engineering, geo technical fees. He stated the report is broken down with numbers for the existing building and an addition. Hughes continued to explain they looked at HVAC replacement, boilers that need replacing and the NEASC report regarding the music room. The Wheels of Learning would be moved out so there would be a new shop which would require sprinklers. They also looked at the nurse's area ventilation and the cost would be \$37,700.

Dave DeQuattro stated they are working with several towns with high

schools built in the 60's and junior highs in the 70's and then the middle school program came along. Some schools renovated or there was new construction and students went to a 21st Century middle school and then to an antiquated high school. This is an opportunity to look at the entire system. They looked at window replacement, egress compliance, heating and RIDE requirements for a comprehensive facility. Zito asked if there were any statistics on whether they should even be on the high school campus. Hughes explained it did make sense and administration would have their own entrance without taking away from valuable space and there is excess parking available. Zito asked if they recommended building on an outdated building and Hughes suggested a long term analysis. DeQuattro noted the older buildings are well built and can be added onto.

Angelo Mencucci explained this was a task to see if it was feasible to move administration to the north wing and he included the three conditions in the NEASC report. Another piece was a finding from an architect. The task has been answered. He also has an amount for the HVAC. Before moving forward the high school should be analyzed. There are more questions to be answered. Now they can go before the CDC next Thursday. It was noted RGB representatives will be present. DeQuattro and Hughes departed at 7:30 p.m.

II. Expense Warrants

March 25, 2009 \$191,981.44

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. Voted 4-0.
Motion carried.**

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III. Vote to Approve RIMIC Four-Year Cost Plus Agreement

Lori Miller explained RIMIC is the RI Municipal Insurance Corporation formed by the towns of Cumberland, Johnston, North Providence and Lincoln to provide health care for the member districts. She referred to a letter written by Attorney Scungio. There are now several questions, including the fact there may be a student in New York and those laws must be considered. She also noted that only the school committee can legally authorize and execute contracts for the district.

They need to wait until after Scungio's meeting with the RIMIC attorney, but the contract needs to be signed before the next school committee meeting. Miller explained it is a 90 days and out contract, so it is a one year commitment and noted it is a liquidated damages agreement. If they get out in the first year all the savings would have to be paid back; same with years two and three. The savings could be as much as \$4,800 a month. She also noted they need to compare the Governor's plan carefully. Motion to table by Battistoni. Seconded by Zito. Voted 4-0. Motion carried.

IV. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to approve adjourning by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh.

Voted 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

MARY VARR, CLERK

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